



Town Council Passes Revised Ordinance On Taxes

REVENUES INCREASE OVER LAST QUARTER

A net profit of \$2,146 for the three months ending July 1 was revealed by the recently completed audit of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc. The company first entered "black ink" in the first quarter of this year, showing a \$1,013 profit for those three months. This audit indicates a continuation of the steady progress in both net results and gross sales shown in the audits since the beginning.

The outstanding improvement revealed by the audit was the Service Station's profit of \$593, as compared with a loss of \$53 the previous quarter. The Service Station recently received a \$451 patronage rebate from its cooperative wholesale. However, only \$207 of this is included in the \$593 profit, as \$244 was applied to last year's losses, as it pertained to last year's business. The quarter showed an increase of \$1000 in sales while expenses remained the same as the previous quarter.

Only two of the six stores did not show a net profit over and above all overhead expenses. However, these two did show improvement over the preceding quarter. The Drug Store suffered a net loss of \$359, as compared with a loss of \$546 for the previous quarter. This result included about \$200 of extraordinary expenses in connection with the change-over from a Drug Store to a General Merchandise Store with a separate Drug Department. The period also included about one month of operation on the old basis. Sales have risen sharply since the change-over, and the current quarter, with no extraordinary expense, should show a decided improvement.

The Theater showed a net loss of \$261, as compared with \$546 for the previous quarter, which in turn was a great improvement over the last quarter of 1938. Theater receipts increased \$150 over the previous quarter, and the manager reports that sales have taken another marked increase since July 1.

The Food Store showed a net profit of \$1,834, as compared with \$2,117 the previous quarter. There was a decline of .7 per cent in gross margin because of recent price reductions. Sales declined \$1,000, the decline being attributed to regular seasonal fluctuation.

The Valet Shop, completing its first full quarter, showed a net profit of \$259. Sales during the quarter showed a steady increase.

The Barber Shop enjoyed a profit of \$80, as compared with a loss of \$27 for the previous quarter.

The net results stated above, comprising the total of \$2,146 net profit, include the proportion of administrative and educational expense assigned to each store. The educational expense, covering the expenses of the Cooperative Organizing Committee and the educational director, was .8 per cent of gross sales. The administrative expense, covering book-keeping, stenography, and general manager's salary, was 3.6 per cent of gross sales.

In line with suggestions outlined in last week's COOPERATOR an amended tax ordinance was presented at Town Council meeting Monday night.

Personal property exemptions allowed in the revised ordinance include clothing, professional equipment, non-profit organizations, and an additional \$100 of property. Returns need not be notarized.

Councilman Sherrod East and Town Attorney Charles Marbury commended Tessim Zorach and the COOPERATOR for the study volunteered on the tax ordinance since its first presentation.

An appropriation of \$100 was made for a curricula consultant, relieving local school teachers of that financial responsibility.

Effects of the Hatch bill on Greenbelt town administration was discussed at the session.

Hatch Bill Ruling Hits Greenbelt Hard

Coming so close before election date the ruling of the Civil Service Commission against participation in local politics by government employees was a bombshell which seems to be keenly resented in Greenbelt as well as 27 other suburban communities near the District of Columbia.

Councilmen and Manager Roy Braden had no statement to make when the ruling was published Sunday. They as well as others in town are uncertain of immediate effects on the political set-up here until the ruling of the Department of Justice has been announced.

The Commission, while announcing that federal workers will in the future be prohibited "from becoming candidates for municipal office", made no disposition of terms now being filled.

If the ruling holds Mr. Braden may not be able to continue his services as Town Manager as well as his position with the Farm Security Administration. Councilmen who will be unable to run for re-election are Sherrod East, Allan Morrison and Louis Bessemer.

Residents will be able to vote in the municipal elections, but active campaigning by government workers may be drastically curbed.

The first rumble of discontent over the ruling came from Garrett Park, in Montgomery County, where Mayor Roy P. Moore declared that he would suggest to the Municipal Officers' Association, made up of eight Montgomery towns, that an effort be made to have Maryland Senators Tydings and Radcliffe and Representative Byron of the sixth congressional district seek an amendment to the Hatch Act to lighten this ban. The proposal will be laid before the league next month.

"Very often it is extremely difficult to get conscientious, able candidates to run for non-remunerative municipal positions, and if the Hatch bill is not amended at the next session of Congress to exempt Federal employees, the situation will be even more perplexing," Mayor Moore said.

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ZORACH HEADS RENEWED SALE OF COOPERATIVE SHARES

With three members returned from a week's attendance at Amherst's Cooperative Institute, the Cooperative Organizing Committee went to work again on current problems at its meeting Tuesday night, August 8.

Mrs. Carrie Harper, Joseph P. Loftus, and Bernard Jones gave brief summaries on the particular discussion departments they had attended at Amherst. The highlights of the general sessions were the unifying of the Eastern Cooperative League and the Eastern Cooperative Wholesale into a single organization, and the attitude that cooperators should take regarding political activities. Another topic of general discussion was on centralization of organizations headed by the National Cooperatives, Inc. The problem of maintaining democratic principles in a highly centralized organization seemed to give pause to ready acceptance to this proposed plan.

Because Arthur Gawthrop, former director of share distribution, is now a member of the C.O.C., the committee appointed Tessim Zorach to succeed Mr. Gawthrop in his former position. Mr. Zorach will have the responsible job of cleaning up the unfinished payments on share subscriptions and reaching the new residents who may want to join their fellow residents in the cooperative.

The auditor's report on the second quarter of business for Greenbelt Consumer Services was studied with interest. It revealed a net surplus of \$2,146 in the operation of the local business enterprises—a little more than twice the saving for the first quarter of 1939.

Subcommittees headed by George Warner and Mr. Jones have been appointed to do some fact-finding research on personnel policy and insurance and bonding problems for the cooperative which is being organized.

The evening's meeting was concluded by a report from Robert Buchele, theater manager, on his recent trip to Nova Scotia.

PREPARING FOR NEXT CO-OP INSTITUTE

For a year R. N. Benjamin, president of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Association, and the C.O.C. have been trying to find a date when it would be convenient for them to visit Greenbelt. At last that date seems to have been found. It will probably be the two days of Greenbelt's second annual Cooperative Institute, October 6 and 7.

Mr. Benjamin will be one of the principal speakers at the Institute. He along with outstanding representatives of medical cooperatives and of the Federal Credit Union.

Louis Bessemer and Tessim Zorach are serving as co-chairmen of the Institute. Other members of the committee are: Carrie Harper, Edna Benefiel, Ollie Hoffman, Linden Dodson and Howard Custer.

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Other communities are expected to follow the Montgomery lead.

Arlington County leaders saw the possibility of the ban on office holding being applied at the time the Hatch Act was in Congress, and sought to have an amendment that would safeguard their rights introduced by Representative Smith.

Journalism Course Starts September 26

Elementary journalism will be given in a series of classes which will start Saturday evening, August 26, it was announced last week at the meeting of the Journalistic Club.

Anyone may attend the course which will be free of charge, and COOPERATOR staff members will be expected although not required to attend. A total of nine sessions will be held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month. All classes will be from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. in the COOPERATOR office, Room 202 over the drug store. There will be an opportunity for Greenbelters who take the course to join the COOPERATOR staff.

Topics to be covered include: "What is news; where and how to get it", "Writing the news story", "Writing the feature story and editorial", "Work at the copy desk", "Re-write", "Headlines", "Make-up", "Staff organization", and "Advertising". The course will be given by Donald H. Cooper with one or two outside instructors. Mr. Cooper taught a similar course several years ago at the College of Puget Sound.

SIX CONTEST COMMITTEES ARE ANNOUNCED

Town Fair Manager Wallace Mabee, who is also director of the Department of Public Safety, announces completion of all arrangements for the following contests to be held during the period of the Fair, September 7, 8 and 9.

1. Baking Contest—Boy Scout Mothers; Chairman, Mrs. Robert C. Porter, 4-A Southway.
2. Needlework Contest—Greenbelt Mother's Club; chairmen, Mrs. Leon G. Benefiel, 60-B Crescent Road, and Mrs. Charles E. Welsh, 1-B Woodland Way.
3. Snapshot Contest—Greenbelt Camera Club; President, E. Ralph Cross, 13-Q Ridge Road.
4. Vegetable Contest—Vegetable Exhibition Committee; Chairman, Joseph Long, 3-B Gardenway.
5. Floriculture Contest—Flower Exhibition Committee; Chairman, M. M. Fontaine, 37-C Ridge Road.
6. Canning Contest—Greenbelt Better Buyers Club; Chairman, Mrs. C. J. Jernberg, 11-M Ridge Road.

Additional plans include a health contest (better babies), a hobby contest, and a miscellaneous display of odds and ends which do not fit into the regularly scheduled contests, but which have general interest.

Some Republicans are already reported to be worrying how they can get rid of the Hatch bill if and when they win the next elections. In their haste to hamstring the New Deal many Congressmen overlooked the fact that the measure would curb any administration in power.

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Nova Scotia Cooperatives Show Steady Progress

By Robert Buchele

(Editor's Note: Robert Buchele, Greenbelt Theater manager, recently visited Nova Scotia with Herbert Evans of the Consumer Distribution Corporation to study the cooperative movement in that part of the country. In the following article, Mr. Buchele notes some of the interesting features of the movement in Nova Scotia).

A study of the cooperative movement in Nova Scotia is particularly heartening because there one sees a large group of level-headed people realistically facing the facts of their economic position and industriously but cautiously tackling the job of improving their lot.

The story is not a fairy tale of miraculous accomplishment through cooperatives, as the books on Nova Scotia now popular in this country might lead one to anticipate. However, one does come away from the country with his cooperative spirits lifted and a new confidence in the ability of the little man to "do something about it."

There appeared to me two chief reasons for the past and future success of the movement in Nova Scotia. The first is the people's deeply rooted conviction that education is the necessary instrument of progress, that persistent and earnest study must precede each new step. The second is the equally deeply rooted conviction that they, the people themselves, are largely to blame for the hardships that have come upon them and that if their condition is to be improved they must do the work themselves.

The study group method of education was begun there by the now legendary work of Father J. J. Tompkins and is being carried on by the Extension Service of Saint Francis Xavier University. The Service has field workers forming study and discussion groups throughout Nova Scotia, and acts as a clearing-house for all cooperative activity. The work is carried on on a non-denominational basis and has been warmly received throughout the provinces. Even those Nova Scotians not in the movement will testify to the excellence of the work done by the men from St. Francis Xavier. The success of the study group method is largely attributable to the fact that the groups' work is always centered about some practical problem, such as starting a credit union, building a lobster factory, or marketing produce. Although the leaders will tell you that they, like ourselves, have the problem of more talk of study than actual digging in, they have done considerable digging in and have many prosperous credit unions, lobster factories, canneries, and stores to show for their efforts.

The feeling that they must solve their own problems is the most inspiring part of the movement. They were backed up to the wall before they turned and faced their problems. Without outside help, and beginning from a destitute position, their beginnings were necessarily meager. But they have made progress. They now stand firmly on their own two feet and are moving forward. Though they outrank this country in credit union progress, their stores do not match ours. However, they are eager to learn store management and confident of their ability not only to meet private competition but some day to do the job just a little better than anyone else.

The Credit Union movement has preceded the rest of the cooperative movement, and this is a factor

of strength. They are learning organization and are building financial strength before attacking the other problems—stores, wholesales, and factories—which might break them if they attacked them with enthusiasm but no organization or financial reserve.

Visiting a fisherman's village on Prince Edward Island, we saw evidence of the dire poverty that drove these people to the wall and made them face their problems. These fishermen have only recently turned the tide in their favor. Since the onset of the depression these people had steadily been getting less and less for their fish and been paying more and more for their supplies and equipment. They had virtually nothing left to live on. They heard of cooperation and decided to give it a try. They pooled what few dollars they could scrape up and marketed their catch themselves, getting a much better price than they had been getting from the buyer who held them in virtual servitude. Now they have their own processing station, have just completed a lobster factory, and are building a cannery. Each of these is built with very little capital, the fishermen themselves doing the work. Although they are still under-fed and very poor, they have a new hope for the future. The lack of a balanced diet is evident. The men average one-half foot under average height. A survey recently completed showed that 72% of the school children are susceptible to tuberculosis—the children of men who catch tons of cod every year but do not get enough for it to be able to buy cod liver oil. But they have turned the tide. They are better off now than they were a year ago. Their accomplishments already insure them of being better off next year, and their belief that they have found the right way gives them faith that they will be much better off the following year.

In many parts of the country they have had the experience of once getting started and then failing because they sacrificed ultimate for immediate gains, such as competitive price reductions, and soon found their own organization wrecked and their former hardships revisited upon them. But their struggle and their successes have given them strength and imagination, and they are, I repeat, standing on their own two feet going ahead steadily.

One great advantage that they have over us is a very sympathetic press. The credit unions and other cooperatives have become so important in the lives of a great number of people that the papers could not afford to be unsympathetic. Another reason for the papers' being more sympathetic to the needs of the people is that the papers are independently-owned, not chain-owned. Another great advantage is that the people are not primarily concerned with patronage dividends, but are primarily concerned with winning their economic independence. The family and religion are of paramount importance in Nova Scotia, but the economic oppression threatened these institutions, and the people are determined to win their economic freedom so that they will be secure in the things they cherish.

But it was gratifying to learn that they, too, have problems, many of the same problems we have, and that they are interested in our experiment and feel a kinship toward us. As a matter of fact, the questions that they asked about Greenbelt were much more intelligent than the questions asked in Washington and nearby towns.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR ADULT CLASSES

Registration for adult education courses which will be given during the fall and winter months should be placed immediately in the office of the Greenbelt Administration building during regular office hours or Friday evenings from 7:30 to 10 P.M.

Additional courses not now planned may be included in the program if sufficient requests are made for them, Mrs. Rose Alpher, director of adult education, has announced. Courses now open for registration follow:

Principles of Accounting Fee and Requirements* (Beginning and Advanced)

A basic course presenting accounting as a means of control and as introductory to advanced and specialized accounting. A study is made of methods and procedures of accounting in the sole proprietorship, partnership, and corporation.

Political Problems Fee and Requirements* (Beginning and Advanced)

A study of some of the more important problems with which the national and state governments have had to deal in recent years.

Public Speaking

The course includes the study of the fundamentals of speech and the preparation and delivery of speeches dealing with a variety of subjects and situations.

Principles of Consumer Education and Cooperation Non-Credit

Systematic study of consumer buying in open market as well as cooperatives.

Horticulture Non-Credit

Course designed to meet the needs of the people in Greenbelt who desire to learn the methods of cultivating flower and vegetable gardens.

Commercial Courses

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| C. Bookkeeping—Beginning and Advanced | Fee** |
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Vocational Education

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| A. Industrial Arts—Nominal fee for materials used. Includes woodcraft, metalcraft, leathercraft. | |
| B. Home Economics—Nominal fee for materials used. | |
| a. Dressmaking—Beginning and Advanced | |
| b. Children's Clothing | d. Nutrition |
| c. Home Decoration | e. Cooking |

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| A. Sculpture | D. Oil Painting |
| B. Drawing | E. Art for Children |
| C. Sketching | |

Parent Education

Non Credit

This course recognizes the home to be the most important influence on the personality development of the child. It deals with all of the inter-relationships of personalities to be found in the family circle.

The Parent Education Committee of the Parent Teacher Association of Greenbelt, composed of a representative from the Mother's Club, the Pre-School Mother's Club, and the P.T.A., is sponsoring a series of twelve lectures by Miss Alice Mendham, A.B., Director of Green Acres School, Silver Spring, Md.

News Club Elects Cooper As New Editor

Donald H. Cooper was elected editor of the COOPERATOR for the six-month term beginning September 1 at the meeting of the Journalistic Club August 9. He succeeds Aaron Chinitz, who has served for two terms and under whose leadership the photo-offset process of printing the paper has been developed.

Chosen as assistant editor was Benjamin Rosenzweig. The selection of a new business manager was postponed for consideration at a special meeting which will be called later this month.

Officers of the Journalistic Club to serve for the new term will be: Lillian Schwartz, president; Kathryn Wood, vice-president; Sadie Kesselman, secretary; and George Warner, treasurer. Howard C. Custer retires as president of the Club.

Mr. Cooper has had previous experience as editor of his college newspaper, editor of "The New Era" a weekly paper which had a circulation of 5000 in Tacoma, Washington, and as reporter for the Tacoma Daily Ledger. He is a member of Alpha Phi Gamma, national journalism honorary, and served for two years on the executive board of the National Boy Scout Press Association.

Circulation plans, staff organization and finances of the paper were considered in detail by the club at the meeting.

GUN CLUB NEWS

Again we implore the shooters who practice at the range, NOT to hang their targets on the upright posts at the back-stop.

The Town has furnished that lumber and the group has set it up for the purpose of later bearing our target frames. If you-all shoot holes in those posts you destroy Greenbelt property and make them useless for holding frames. Be considerate, please.

Of course you're welcome to use the range area—but keep it in good condition. It will soon be finished for your better enjoyment.

—L. L. W.

Classes will begin the first part of October. Each meeting will last two hours. The first hour will be devoted to lecture and discussion on the pre-school age child up to adolescence. Parents may register for one class or both.

Membership in this series will be limited. Please indicate whether you prefer daytime or evening meetings and which day of the week is most convenient for you.

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The fact that the personal property tax ordinance as proposed by the Town Manager with the approval of the Town Attorney was not railroaded on a convenient "suspension of rules" motion through to passage on its first reading is not in itself so very important. As pointed out in last week's COOPERATOR we still have the same proportion of our budget to raise by such a tax, and the proposed ordinance, faulty though it might be, might well have succeeded, because of general cooperation, in bringing about the required result. (I have reason to hope that faulty legislation will never be the danger in Greenbelt it would be elsewhere, because I feel Greenbelt people heed the spirit as well as the letter of the law. But faulty legislation is always a boomerang sort of instrument, capable of destroying the fond hopes of its makers. And furthermore, we have entrusted our Council with the job of giving us well constructed legislation).

The important thing is that our incumbent Town Council was all too ready to relinquish to the administrative arm of the government its power to legislate—and on a tax bill at that; students of democratic history please note. And even after Tessim Zorach drew up an impressive list of possible weaknesses, made on the spur of the moment while merely hearing the proposed ordinance being read, while the Council had copies before them nicely bound, presumably to take home and study pending the second reading, still the Council was ready to pass the measure without further ado. It must be said to the Manager's credit that he reassured Mr. East that the second reading probably should be insisted upon, and it therefore was insisted upon. Mr. Zorach's further study of the proposal and of the applicable laws, as previously reported, amply justified the action.

A word about "suspension of rules". Rules are made to be observed, not to be suspended. They should be observed in small matters as well as large, for the sake of establishing good habits, and as an assurance that second sight won't show what is thought to be unimportant is really dangerously important. Rules should be suspended only in crucial emergencies (and no ordinance the need for which could be foreseen for eight months comes in this category). The fact is that our Council suspends its rules frequently, as a reading of its minutes would show.

My conclusion to all this follows. I make it after fearful consideration, for the good of the Town, as it seems to me. I make it without in any way questioning the honesty, character, or wisdom of any members of the Council.

So, I stick my neck out and say, it seems to me that we have before us more evidence of what some of us who attend Council meeting after Council meeting have long been convinced was a fact—that with the exception, usually, of Mr. East, seconded, more and more ably, by Mrs. Taylor, our Council simply does not possess the legislative sixth sense and the talent needed for analyzing, for patient and unhurried probing, for foreseeing possible dangers in, proposed legislation placed before it. And it is for doing just these things that we depend upon our Council. The major, front page issues, such as the need for a Town Hospital or a lighted playing field,

WITH THE PLAYERS



At the tryouts last Wednesday, Johnny Murray put a number of aspirants through the lines and as a result of his observations, seven of the nine parts in "Three Cornered Moon" are taken at this writing. Mr. Murray is still prospecting for two men for the playwright lead and the juvenile part.

Sherrod East is starting work on the model stage to be shown in the Player's booth at the Fair next month. The scene to be depicted on the model will be one taken from the coming play, "Three Cornered Moon". President Bill Kinsley has been laboring on another phase of our exhibit for a week or more. According to his description of the entire set-up, our display will be worth considerable observation.

Meanwhile, work goes on under Ford Lyman's direction toward the presentation at the Fair of the old French story, "Pierre Patelin". Director Lyman comments that according to the theme of "Pierre Patelin", the Fair play will not be fair play. You will understand when you hear the story.

—L. L. W.

VINCENT SAYS FLIES CAN BE ELIMINATED

"Flies", says Town Engineer Harvey Vincent, "can continue to live and breed only in places where there is manure or garbage exposed." The only two horses in town are stabled far enough away as to be blameless for the flies that constitute Greenbelt's sole remaining insect pest of serious proportions.

Experiments made in small areas of the town this summer have proved that flies have decreased where special care is taken to keep kitchen waste and bits of food eliminated. "Apple cores, fruit peelings, and bits of bread are sometimes left in the yards by children," Mr. Vincent pointed out. "If these could be kept cleaned up, the reduction in flies would be noticeable."

Members of the Journalistic Club and the COOPERATOR staff are cordially invited to an "at home" being planned for them for Sunday, August 27, between 3 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Custer, 45-R Ridge Road. Mr. Custer is a former editor and retiring president of the Journalistic Club.

Starting September 1, there will be a charge made for repairing all toilets that are clogged due to tenants' negligence, the town management office has announced. The minimum charge will be 50 cents, but will vary depending on the amount of work involved.

are not really decided by the Council. They are decided by us ourselves sooner or later. But we must entrust the detailed, routine work to our representatives. We can only insist that these representatives justify their selection.

—Howard C. Custer

EFFECTS OF THE HATCH BILL

However worthy the purposes of the Hatch bill its immediate effect on Greenbelt as well as other suburban communities around Washington is discrimination and an infringement upon civil rights if the ruling made by the Civil Service Commission stands. That nearly 70 percent of the men in this town should be ruled out of participation in non-partisan municipal elections eliminates some of our most capable candidates for Town Council positions.

Fortunately the Civil Service ruling does not apply to wives of government employees. And there is still the possibility that Attorney General Frank Murphy may reverse the interpretation. Until that time it appears we shall have to abide by the ruling made Saturday and change our election plans accordingly.

There are indications of a fight on the part of the other 27 communities affected, to remove the ban. In Montgomery county such a movement is already under way. We will probably have to join that campaign if Greenbelt is to fulfill its function as a testing station of democracy.

—D. H. C.

A FAIR OF OUR OWN

No, it will not compete with what New York or San Francisco offers this season, but Greenbelt will have a fair of its own which will probably stir up more civic pride and homey satisfaction than has been evidenced so far in the famous "1939 Fair" cities.

No theme center, no bursts of color and ultra ultra architecture, no great industrial exhibits, no peepshows, no transplanted jungles, foreign cafes, or nationwide ballyhoo.....but also no admission fee, no transportation charges, no miles of hard pavement and white sun-glare, no hotel bills, no rushing-through-hundreds-of-exhibits to cover the whole fair in the shortest-possible-time.

It's going to be a small-town show where we can see the zinnias that our neighbor has raised, the foot stool that Jimmy made, the dill pickles that Mary put up (the cucumbers were raised in the garden), the snapshots taken at that beach party, and the special exhibit the club has been working on for two weeks. It's just that kind of a fair. We don't want the good old days back again. The home industry and handicraft days are past and their evils have gone with them, but it's nice to remind ourselves occasionally that we can still do things for ourselves, just for fun, even while we enjoy the benefits and disadvantages of mass production, concentrated ownership, standardization, and super super bigness.

—D. H. C.

EDUCATION FOR COOPERATORS

To the Editor:

The Cooperative Institute at Amherst, Massachusetts, attended by local cooperators from July 30 to August 5, was arranged for all the Eastern Seaboard States including locals from New England to Miami, Florida. The Institute was planned by the Eastern Cooperative League, and conducted by Bob Smith of the League, and a fine job he did! (We all think Bob is a remarkable fellow and are looking forward to his coming to Greenbelt in October.)

Each of our local people registered for one particular course, but we all had an opportunity through general sessions and afternoon discussion groups (from which we could choose the one of special interest) to get a general picture of topics taken

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up by the Institute as a whole.

Some of the more fundamental problems presented were:

What part should cooperatives take in politics?

How can cooperatives take part in national planning without participating in politics?

Do we need a strong national organization?

Has the time come when cooperatives can no longer grow or should locals, regionals, wholesales and leagues and National Cooperatives, Inc. be unified through a strong national structure?

Which is of more importance to the cooperative movement, the gain in power and efficiency or the dangers of centralization?

Are the tentative plans of the Eastern Cooperative League for an intensive membership drive as a means of financing locals and wholesales practicable?

Is there a real danger to cooperatives in lack of active participation by members who allow, or force, paid managers and management service from central organizations and regional wholesales to usurp the authority of owner-membership?

Joseph Loftus and Carnie Harper took Board Member Problems by Otto Rossman; Bernard Jones got the manager's slant by taking Management Training by W. A. Linna of E. C. W. and James Dunaway of C. D. C. Ruth Taylor, Bertha Maryn, and Aaron Chinitz took Leroy Bowman's course on Discussion Leadership; Leah Chinitz took First Aid for Housewives by Vianna Bramblett of E. C. W. Testing Kitchen.

Our local group was particularly impressed by the ability of cooperators to play as well as work together and decided we would give Howard Custer of our Recreational Committee our wholehearted support during the winter.

The local people attending agreed unanimously that we gained a better understanding of the cooperative movement as a whole and realize our greatest problems here are common to all cooperatives. We sincerely believe the money spent by Consumer Services on six scholarships and approximately the same amount spent by the individuals was a good investment.

—Carnie Harper

Letters to Editor

EVERYBODY SHOULD KNOW

Dear "Everybody Knows":

Your experience with the patent leather shoes and glass jars that cracked without sufficient reason, is not unusual. Consumers today are continually "taken for a ride" with one thing or another. You ask why? Because goods today are produced for the sake of profit, and not for the benefit of the consumer. The need of the consumer is not included in the scheme of things (except where consumers have been wise enough to go into production for their own use) therefore the resulting commodities are not "one's money's worth".

Recognition of this fact has resulted in what is known as the consumer movement in the United States, the purpose of which is (1) to discover these unscrupulous practices on the part of the producers and manufacturers, and (2) to attempt to do something about it through legislation and protest.

The local Better Buyers in Greenbelt are a part of this national movement to get production for use.

—Bertha Maryn,
Chairman Better Buyers

SWIMMING RATES DEFENDED

To the Editor:

There has been considerable discussion, "pro and con," these past few weeks regarding the rules and rates governing admission to the swimming pool.

One group of citizens, for whom Allan S. Arness acted as spokesman, rendered us valuable service in laying before the Council certain proposals designed to enable us to swim oftener for a given amount of expenditure than we now can.

However, there was published in the COOPERATOR August 3, a letter from Mr. Arness, with certain parts of which we disagree on the ground that it conveys the erroneous impression that Mr. Braden and other officials are desirous of limiting our use of the pool, and that to this end they have established rate schedules which discriminate against us. We particularly challenge Mr. Arness' statement that at the Council meeting of July 17, "a remark in point was made by Mr. Braden, after questioning, to the effect that he knew of people who went swimming every day and he just didn't think it was right."

We attended this meeting of the Town Council, and heard no remark which logically could have been construed to mean that our privilege of using the pool as much as possible is being begrudged us. Mr. Braden did state that although pool swimming in most communities is regarded as a luxury, a great many persons in Greenbelt are able, because of the low rates charged, to go swimming daily. This statement was made in refutation of the contention that the rates charged us are so high that they prevent many Greenbelt citizens from using the pool.

We agree with Mr. Arness that there is a real need among families who wish to indulge in swimming to any great extent for an unlimited season pass, and hope that next summer the committee may find it feasible to provide for this. At the same time, we feel that the rates now being charged us are indeed moderate, especially in view of the fact that this is the pool's first season, and the amount of income and outgo in connection with its operation was problematical at the time the rates were established.

—Hazel and Ernest Miner

A REPLY TO MEDITATIONS

To the Editor:

Even at the risk of smothering and crushing poor Mrs. Willis "to utter annihilation", I am afraid Meditations, in this week's COOPERATOR cannot be allowed to pass un-noticed.

In about the fourth paragraph of Meditations is this sentence "And so the Great Ecclesia was forced to enlarge and modify in some instances its orthodoxy." Here is a very dogmatic statement, given without proof or any specific citation, in spite of the fact that such statements are denied by Catholics. This statement, like putting St. Francis of Assisi among the leaders of the Counter-reformation, which occurred three centuries after the Saint's death, just isn't so.

The Catholic Church has, as circumstances required, defined, stated more precisely, her teachings; e.g. from the beginning the Church taught that Christ is truly present in the Holy Eucharist, but only at the Council of Trent, in the sixteenth century, did the Church define precisely how He is present in the Sacrament. This definition, crystallized in the word "transubstantiation", is neither an enlargement nor a modification of doctrine, but a clear, definite decision on a question raised by Luther and others.

In disciplinary matters, in the application of principles, changes have been made because of changes in conditions and circumstances. These however are not matters of "Faith" nor of "Orthodoxy".

—Reverend Leo J. Fealy

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Better Buyers Will Offer Course In Leadership

For women interested in leadership work in consumer education the Greenbelt Better Buyers are offering a three-day lecture and discussion course August 21-23 in Room 200 over the drug store. All sessions will begin promptly at 2 P.M.

Three major problems will be outlined for study:

(1) Organization of neighborhood groups; (2) obtaining and using material; (3) study methods. Milk, eggs, meat, bread, and grade labeling are among the topics which will be discussed.

Instructors for these leadership lessons will be Carnie Harper, Ruth C. Taylor, Bertha Maryn, Ollie Hoffman, and Leah Chinitz. Four of these local leaders have just returned from the special courses given at Amherst College and will be able to present a review of what they learned.

The classes are free to any woman interested in consumer problems or who would like to do leadership work with the Better Buyers. Registration can be made with Miss Ollie Hoffman, Room 201 over the drug store, or at the meeting room when the course opens.

ENTRY BLANKS MUST BE IN BY AUGUST 20

Entry blanks for the Town Fair canning contest must be turned in to Mrs. Beatrice Jernberg, 11-M Ridge Road or to Wallace Mabee at the administration office by Sunday, August 20.

Every resident of Greenbelt is eligible to enter her canned fruits and vegetables, jellies, jams, pickles, butters, and juices. Full instructions and entry blanks have been distributed, but Mr. Mabee indicates that the entries are coming in slowly.

BURNT FOOD

Do not put any water into anything that has been burnt because that will immediately carry the burnt taste into all of your food in the pot. The fact that the food has become burnt is proof that no liquid is there and if no liquid is there then there is no way for the burnt taste to be carried into the food. For example in the case of applesauce burning, if you carefully remove the top part and do not disturb the burnt part you will find that the top part of the sauce is free of any burnt flavor. If potatoes burn while being boiled, take them off the stove and remove the burnt outside portion. Then put the unburnt potatoes into a fresh pot of boiling water with no salt. The salt in the water that boiled away will be left in the potatoes and will be extracted by the fresh boiling water.

CANNERS AND JELLY MAKERS!

If you need good advice and expert counsel on your home canning and jelly making write to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., enclose 10¢ for two Department of Agriculture bulletins—Farmers' Bulletin No. 1800 and Farmers' Bulletin No. 1762.

Remittance should be made by coupons, sold in sets of 20 for \$1, or by check or by money order payable to the Superintendent of Documents. Do not send postage stamps. Currency may be sent at the sender's risk. The coupons are a very convenient form of remittance. A supply of 20 will last a long time and will bring many useful and helpful bulletins to the young housewife.

Jelly makers may be interested, too in the public hearings on standards for preserves and jellies, September 11 at 10:00 A.M. in Room 1039, South Building of the Department of Agriculture. Any one who attends these hearings will learn not only a great deal of jelly making as it is done by commercial canners but much about the services the government offers to consumers and protection given through the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

COOKING TIPS

You can use any good baking powder in any recipe that calls for sour milk and soda by using sweet milk and two level teaspoons of baking powder for each cup of flour the recipe calls for. This will give you perfect results with the recipe.

Cream that has just turned sour can be made sweet again as follows: Add a pinch of baking soda—stir it in—then try your cream. You may have to add a little more until cream tastes sweet and will not curdle when poured into hot liquid. The amount of soda to add depends on how sour the cream has become. This tip is not intended to use on cream that has turned completely sour, but on cream that has just turned.

Melons, cucumbers, bananas and other fruit or vegetables may be placed together with other foods, in the refrigerator, without making the foods distasteful if you keep a piece of charcoal about two inches square, in the corner of the refrigerator. This also keeps the refrigerator odorless.

When baking potatoes, if potatoes are boiled about five minutes and then put into a hot oven and baked, they will be thoroughly done in about one-half the usual time and will have the same flavor.

LEADERS OF BETTER BUYERS RETURN

Four members of the Better Buyers Club attended Mrs. V. Bramblett's course on "Better Buying" at Amherst Cooperative Institute July 30 to August 5. Mrs. Bramblett is dietitian for Eastern Cooperative Wholesale.

This course designed principally to acquaint store managers, clerks, housewives and discussion leaders, with facts and fancies concerning foods and drugs, included discussions on:

Facts and Fancy on Government Grades
Grades as Guides to Less Expensive Meals
Quick Meals and the Emergency Shelf
Conducting a comparative shopping test
Menu Planning made easy
Food Facts and Frauds

One of the lectures, extremely informative and well illustrated with original charts, was given by Miss May Folley, Home Economist of Massachusetts State College. Miss Folley simplified the planning of the moderate income menu keeping caloric and vitamin value in mind.

Another interesting lecture was given by Miss Gladys Cook, Nutritionist of Massachusetts State College, exposing and exploding several popular misconceptions regarding foods, drugs, and diets. Posters pointing out types of unscrupulous advertisements helped to "bring home" the need of consumer education on the part of each individual.

One of the sessions of the course was devoted to the Greenbelt Better Buyers Club, the members acting as discussion leaders to acquaint those present with the method used in Greenbelt.

Greenbelters attending Mrs. Bramblett's course were: Bertha Maryn, Carnie Harper, Ruth Taylor and Leah Chinitz.

"WELCOME"

The following is a list of new arrivals to Greenbelt. The COOPERATOR takes this opportunity to extend the hand of welcome to:

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brice	16-D Crescent Road
Mr. and Mrs. John F. Vachan	18-C Crescent Road
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Slauch	20-F Crescent Road
Mr. Sam Goldstein	11-J Parkway
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Chelstrom	19-A Parkway

Eileen Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred DeJager, born August 8, passed away at 5 P.M. on August 13, at Homeopathic Hospital.

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A Week in Sports

by
John C. Maffay

With Gene Desautels going into a sharp batting decline this season, Johnny Peacock, University of North Carolina lad, has graduated into the first string catching job for the challenging Boston Red Sox. Johnny doesn't know as many languages as the third string catcher, Moe Berg, but he does know how to talk to a mule, having bought and sold the long-eared hybrids as a sideline ever since leaving college. North Carolina mule talk isn't as sulphurous as that of Missouri, but when a pitcher gets off his course and starts handing out bases on balls, it can become most effective.

After graduating from college, Peacock was picked up by the Cincinnati Reds organization, then under the direction of Larry MacPhail. He caught for Wilmington, N. C., Toronto, and Nashville before being brought up by the Reds in 1936. Johnny was sent to Nashville, but Commissioner Landis, who at the time was watching all of MacPhail's deals, found something amiss and made young Peacock a free agent. Johnny had hit .334 in 112 games for the Southern Association club and there was quite a scramble for the free agent's services, and Tom Yawkey went highest in the bidding.

The Red Sox decided the young Tar Heel needed additional catching education and sent him to Dean Kelly of the Minneapolis Millers. Johnny was with Boston last season, hitting .303 for 72 games. Now he's showing he can handle pitchers as well as he can mules, by back-stopping in 58 of the Red Sox 96 games up to August 4. He is hitting the ball for an average of .286 getting 52 hits in 182 times at bat, and a big asset in the Red Sox drive to overtake the New York Yankees.

Joe Sprinz, catcher of the San Francisco Seals, who was injured while trying to snare a ball dropped from a blimp cruising over Treasure Island, was not injured as badly as first believed. The ball was travelling at an estimated speed of 150 miles an hour when it struck Sprinz' glove, from 800 feet up. The stunt was attempted in connection with the celebration of Baseball Day at the Golden Gate Exposition. Peeved over the unnecessary accident to Sprinz, Charles Graham, president of the Seals, said that that was the end of that kind of a stunt involving any of his players.

Don't forget the second annual Greenbelt Golf Tournament. Will be held this Tuesday, August 22nd at the Allview Golf Course. Register early.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Games for the Coming Week

Thursday, August 17	— Athletics vs. Dodgers	6P.M.
	Cavedwellers vs. Blues	8P.M.
Friday, August 18	— L.D.S. vs. Cavedwellers	6P.M.
	Cubs vs. Cee Men	8P.M.
Monday, August 21	— Blues vs. Browns	6P.M.
	Cliffdwellers vs. Dukes	8P.M.
Tuesday, August 22	— Snob Hill vs. Dodgers	6P.M.
	Athletics vs. Cee Men	8P.M.
Wednesday, August 23	— Browns vs. L.D.S.	6P.M.
	Dukes vs. Blues	8P.M.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE PLAY

The second series of the Greenbelt Softball League was brought to a close Tuesday night and the third series started the very next night. With a 10 to 8 victory over the Cubs Tuesday, the Cliffdwellers won the second series, with the loss of only one game, that one to the Browns. They also took the first series. Don't look for them to take the third series though.

On Monday, August 7, the Cubs played off their game with Snob Hill and were defeated by the score of 15 to 9. Both teams made 15 hits, among them home runs by Allen and McDonald, triples by Parks and Don Bullion, and doubles by Blake, Todd, McDonald and Parks. Snob Hill made eight hits and as many runs in the first two innings, to take a six run lead, and then coast the rest of the way. In the second game the Cavedwellers scored 4 times in the initial inning to take a 4 to 1 lead over the Cee Men and finally win the ball game 7 to 4. Cosby allowed the Cee Men 9 hits while Markfield only gave up 8. Leading batters of the game were Keagle, who got 2 for 2; Weirnerman, who hit a triple and a single in 4 times up; and Barker with 2 out of 3. Home runs by Wiriam and Williams, and a double by Messner.

Tuesday, the Cliffdwellers, with Goldfaden pitching, defeated the Cubs 10 to 8, although they got only 7 hits. The Cubs made thirteen and held their place at the top, as the leading team in batting for the second series. In the second game the Dukes faced the Cavedwellers, and after an exciting contest, the game ended in a 14 to 14 tie. This was the second tie of the series. Outstanding hitter of the game was Woods, of the Dukes, who hit a single and 2 home runs, the second home run tying up the ball game in the last inning. Cosby also got 2 home runs, and the Dukes made 13 hits against 9 for the Cavedwellers.

FINAL STANDING, SECOND SERIES

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.
Cliffdwellers	9	1	.900
Blues	8	2	.800
Browns	7	3	.700
Snob Hill	7	3	.700
Cavedwellers	5	3	.625
Cubs	5	5	.500
Cee Men	4	6	.400
Dodgers	3	6	.333
Dukes	3	6	.333
Athletics	1	9	.100
L. D. S.	1	9	.100

On Wednesday, the start of the third series, the Blues started off with a victory over the Cliffdwellers, 19 to 8. This was the Blues ninth straight victory. The Cliffdwellers got 12 hits while the victors amassed a total of 16. Home runs were made by Trumbule and Krebs, triples by Neale and Tillery, and doubles by Pickett, Caperton, Timmons and Buchele. Rain caused postponement of the second game between the Dukes and L. D. S.

Thursday, the Athletics and Snob Hill took the field in the first game, and the final was Snob Hill 10, Athletics 6. Snob Hill collected 13 hits while the losers made 8. Pacing the victors attack were Hitchcock and Donahue with 2 out of 3, while Todd and Foldi got 2 for 4. Adams of the Athletics had a perfect day with 3 out of 3. One home run, that by Parks of Snob Hill. In the second game the Cavedwellers and the Browns hooked up in one of the best

games of the season, and the Browns defeated Barker and his team 3 to 2, for their eights straight win. Although outhit 5 to 2, the victors played head-up ball, and took advantage of every break that came their way. Barker struck out 9 men, and Taylor 2. Each issued 3 passes. The losers two run rally in the last inning was just one run short of tying the score.

On Friday, the Blues made it ten straight when they defeated the L. D. S. by the score of 17 to 10. That's a total of 36 runs scored by those Blues in the 2 games of the third series. The victors gathered 19 hits, and the losers got 11. Home runs in this game were made by Trumbule, Andestad, and Caperton. In the second game the Cubs closed the week with an easy victory over the Dodgers, 9 to 4. Thompson allowed the Cubs 13 hits while Klepser gave up 9 to the losers. Pacing the Cubs attack was Lastner and Smoot with 2 out of 3, and Bellezza and Goodman getting 2 out of 4. Thompson got 3 for 3 for the losers. Home runs in this game by Lastner and Cain, both of the Cubs.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS, AUGUST 12, 1939

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.
Blues	2	0	1.000
Browns	1	0	1.000
Cubs	1	0	1.000
Snob Hill	1	0	1.000
Cee Men	0	0	.000
Dukes	0	0	.000
Dodgers	0	1	.000
Athletics	0	1	.000
L. D. S.	0	1	.000
Cliffdwellers	0	1	.000
Cavedwellers	0	1	.000

TEAM BATTING, SECOND SERIES

TEAM	GAMES	A.B.	RUNS	HITS	PCT.
Cubs	*11	372	120	142	.382
Snob Hill	10	332	119	116	.350
Dodgers	9	277	64	97	.350
Dukes	10	316	89	98	.310
Browns	10	302	87	88	.291
Blues	9	244	66	70	.285
Cliffdwellers*11		314	72	83	.264
Cavedwellers * 9		281	67	73	.260
Athletics	10	282	52	73	.259
Cee Men	*11	358	84	89	.248
L. D. S.	10	280	52	67	.240

*One Tie Game

SECOND SERIES LEADERS

BATTING: Klepser-Cubs, .583; McEwen-Blues, Hammer-sla-Cubs, and Barker-Cavedwellers, .538.
 RUNS: Todd-Snob Hill, 16; Smoot-Cubs and Starke-Snob Hill, 13 each.
 HITS: Goldfaden-Cliffdwellers, 17; Bellezza-Cubs 16.
 DOUBLES: Bauer-Dukes, Blake-Cubs, and Goldfaden-Cliffdwellers, 4 each.
 TRIPLES: Timmons-Blues, Weinerman-Cee Men, Halley-Dukes, Todd and Starke-Snob Hill, Murdock and Amestad-L.D.S., 2 each.
 HOME RUNS: Uhrinak-Dukes, 4; Boote-Browns and Woods-Dukes, 3 each.
 RUNS BATTED IN: Boote-Browns and Bauer-Dukes, 15 each
 Woods-Dukes, 12.

LEADING PITCHERS, SECOND SERIES

NAME	TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.
Goldfaden	Cliffdwellers	4	0	1.000
Rosenthal	Cliffdwellers	3	0	1.000
Taylor	Browns	7	1	.875
Trumbule	Blues	7	2	.777
Reamy	Snob Hill	5	2	.714

REPS RAM RAMBLERS

by

John P. Murray

Bill Edwards, the one-man beef trust, played a return engagement in Greenbelt last Saturday night. Revenge was no doubt the motive of his trip because his previous visit was ill fated when the Reps trampled his Dr. Pepper team into the red dust of the athletic field by a score of 4 - 2. To accomplish this avengement he brought with him the fanciest array of softball talent yet seen locally. Playing under the nom de plume of the D.C. Ramblers the line up included Edwards himself in the pitching role, Jarrels, Prince Georges' crack all around athlete, Simonds, considered by some as the best infielder of these parts, De Carlo, and many others. The only thing he did forget to bring was a gun to shoot Sherrod East and a hammer to maim Curt Barker's other leg for these two combined in one of the season's best two-man shows to turn back the invaders 3 - 2.

All the blazing Barker did was strike out 9, allow one measley hit and walk not one, this on a painfully injured leg at that. In support of this performance East built an insurmountable defensive wall around the infield allowing not one ball to escape his clutching fingers. There were exactly four balls hit into the outer confines of the park and he personally gobbled up each one of them, once by the simple trick of clearing the ground by at least four feet, turning around and snaring the ball with his bare hand.

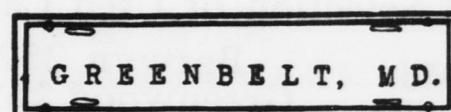
Edwards himself allowed but three hits but Krebs pasted the first of these down the right field line for a home run while John Messner crashed out a triple to tie up the ball game at 2 - 2 in the second inning. McDonald supplied the climax and winning run with a life by a base on balls and then moving all the way around on wild pitches. Quite a ball game, quite a ball game.

Next week end's schedule will be featured by a set-to with the U. S. Aggies, stoutest rivals of the True Blu and Dr. Pepper teams. This will go on Sunday at 3:00 P.M. On Saturday night the opposition will be provided by the Municipal Market team. Game time 8:00 P.M.

Unheralded and unrespected the Land O' Lakes team sneaked onto the local scene Sunday afternoon and took the measure of the Reps by a score of 2-1. Behind the six-hit pitching of Kiraly, ex-protege of Abe Rosenfeld, they made their own six hits off Eddie Trumbule count and spoiled an otherwise perfect week and for the locals. Goldfaden supplied Greenbelt's only run with his double in the last half of the seventh. Successive sacrifices by Bauer and Todd soved him around but that proved to be the only score and only half enough. Ben with his 2 out of 3 was outstanding while Sanchez sparkled at third base in brilliant fashion.

STANDING OF BOYS CLUB SOFTBALL LEAGUE

TEAM	WON	LOST	PERCENT
"A" Block	5	2	.714
"D" Block	4	4	.500
"C" Block	2	3	.400
"B" Block	2	4	.333



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GREENBELT BOWLING NEWS

The Committee and officers of the Greenbelt Bowling League are working night and day on the preliminary plans for the coming season, and according to the latest reports this year's league will be one that will long be remembered. From all indications, at the present time, the League will be composed of at least twelve teams, with possibilities of sixteen by the time the opening night rolls around.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors tentative plans were made to have all bowlers of last season, as well as anyone wanting to bowl this year, to register with the Captains of last year's teams. The names of these Captains are as follows:

Block A - Walter Henshaw	- 5-A Ridge Road
Block B - Phil Taylor	- 13-R Ridge Road
	- Bernard Jones
	- 1-D Westway
Block C - John Colliver	- 26-B Ridge Road
	- Frank Lastner
	- 19-P Ridge Road
Block D - Joe Brown	- 58-F Crescent Road
Block E - Vernon Hitchcock	- 5-A Eastway
Block J - Telmo Araujo	- 19-D Parkway Road

A proposal was made to have teams formed either by blocks, organizations, or groups, not confining membership of a team to any one block, group, or organization. Team averages, handicaps and prizes were discussed at length but no change was made for the reason that the League By-Laws will have to be amended to include any change. This can only be done at a regular meeting of the League.

The meeting to be held on August 22 in the social room of the school at 8:15 P.M. promises to bring out all bowlers. New officers of the League are to be elected, and Captains of last year's teams will be expected to turn in the list of bowlers who want to join the League for the coming year. New teams will probably be formed and they will elect their respective Captains.

It is desired that any person wishing to bowl should contact and register their name with any one of the above Captains. Do this as soon as possible and be sure to attend the meeting on August 22nd. There are no dues in this League.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM AT FAIR

The athletic phase of the Greenbelt Fair is to be featured by a soft ball night. The program, still in the process of organization, will provide for a game between the two leading teams in the boys league; a general softball track meet with events such as base running, distance hitting and throwing, and as a finale an all star contest between teams chosen from the Greenbelt Softball League.

Our fair sex are having a tough time scheduling opponents, having been stood up on the last two Saturdays. Next week the G. A. O. Team is on deck and maybe then we can see the lassies perform. Game time is 3:00 P.M. Saturday.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO SPONSOR WATER PAGEANT

The Recreation Department is planning a gay water circus for September 10th to close the town fair. The circus will include all the events of a large tent show. There will be peanut vendors, trained seals, monkeys, bronco riders, chariot races, snakes, clowns, tight rope walkers, tumblers, etc. The performers will be the swimmers of the town of Greenbelt.

A number of swimmers, both adults and children, will be needed. The performers need not necessarily be good swimmers. Tumblers, clowns, and a number of other shore activities will be included. Any one interested in participating is asked to contact Miss Dungan at the pool.

This water circus will be a summary of all water activities which have taken place during the summer. Life saving, swimming and diving exhibitions and races will be included as well as the novelty circus events. It is the aim of the Recreation Department to include as many swimmers from Greenbelt as possible.

SWIMMING CLASSES INCREASE

New swimming classes began Monday, August 7th with a large enrollment of 90 children for morning classes and 40 women for afternoon classes. These swimmers are quite advanced and are making fine progress. By next summer there should be a number of Johnny Weismuller and Katherine Rawl Juniors in Greenbelt.

During the past week a number of children took tests and received Red Cross certificates. The following children have passed their Beginners tests in the last two weeks:

Joseph Tompkins	2-B Hillside Road
Sam Downs	Greenbelt, Md.
Nancy Nagle	Greenbelt, Md.
Richard Porter	Greenbelt, Md.
Patricia Mark	11-J Ridge Road
Kathleen Scott	4-G Southway
Lois Preston	2-F Southway
Delores Carr	35-F Ridge Road
Jane Lindhart	Greenbelt, Md.
Ellen Gussio	2-J Westway
Buddy Bauer	1-J Gardenway
Frank Bauer	1 -J Gardenway
Marilyn Maryn	58-M Crescent Road
Mahlon Eshbaugh	33-M Ridge Road

The following boys have passed their Intermediate tests:

Wayne Jernberg	11-M Ridge Road
Robert Hall	28-B Ridge Road
William Townsend	19-B Ridge Road
Robert Bonham	35-B Ridge Road
Tommy Catin	6-B Crescent Road

The Junior Life Saving class which was dropped while so many of its members were at camp began Monday, August 14, at 2 P.M.

New swimming classes will be organized Monday, August 21. All children desiring to enroll please be at the pool at 9:15 A.M. and all adults at 3 P.M.

SCHEDULE OF SWIMMING CLASSES

Children	— All week days 9 to 12 Noon
Woman	— Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 3-4:30 P.M.
Adults (Employed in the day)	— Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 7:30-9 P.M.
Senior Life Saving	— Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30-9:30 P.M.
Junior Life Saving	— Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 2 P.M.

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Letters to Editor

HOW ABOUT A TELEPHONE?

To the Editor:

Perhaps other residents might comment on this observation. Not long ago there was sudden illness in the family and doctor's advice was urgently needed at three o'clock in the morning. We have no telephone and neither has anyone else in our block. The wife dashed out through the rain (it HAD to rain that night) and tried to get to the phone in the bus station. For some reason the bus station was locked tightly. The police officers could not be located at that hour—consequently a friend in another block had to be awakened at that ungodly hour in order to make the phone call.

Our plea is that the town should seriously consider the common sense of having a public phone somewhere in the center of town available at all hours. If the bus station can not be left unlocked—the town should have an outside phone installed in the vicinity.

—Commentator

AN ADDITION

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Willis failed to enclose two pages which should have been a part of her letter to the Editor which was published in last week's COOPERATOR. The part omitted is printed here and should be inserted between "with all the splendid men and" and "the Spaniards in the late unpleasantness".)

women who down the ages have sent out inspiration and help to us in the living of our perplexed existences.

I'd like to talk with Paul—to sit quietly somewhere with him and ask him why he had such an antipathy to women. Why he thought women should keep silent in the Church. I'd like to ask him how many churches we would have for weary, tired souls to creep into for meditation and solace if women had kept quiet about constructing them.

I've always thought some woman in that bye gone time gave Paul one awful jolt that he never got over, and took his ire out on all other women.

And dear old Timothy! I just know I'm going to like Timothy. I'll tell him how much I appreciate that clever little saying of his—"Drink no longer water, but take a little wine for thy stomach's sake, and thine other infirmities".

One's "other infirmities" had such an appeal during prohibition times—my stomach being all right. His suggestion was priceless.

To touch briefly on the reference to the Spanish Inquisition—it has ever been to me the most damnable plot in the history of the Catholic Church and of Spain. How men annointed to the service of Almighty God could torture and kill other human beings, because they could not think alike is beyond comprehension.

If there is anything in the saying that as give we get, and in the belief that we come back into life again and reincarnate in the same group and environment, and continue our climb toward perfection

LOST: Boy's large scooter, old but treasured. Red top, silver wheels. Red auto tag on foot board. Please return to 11-A Ridge Road or notify Mrs. D. D. Wood.

CUB CORNER

(Official news will be found in the Cub Corner only).

What are we going to do with the Cubs who reach the age of 12 years and do not want to leave the Pack?

oo00oo

For the next six or eight weeks, Mr. Reno, radio electrician, will spend many hours with some boys in his garage teaching the construction of radio sets. The first set will be a crystal set, but that is only a start.

oo00oo

Cubs are good sailors and fair fishermen. One Cub from each Den recently formed a fishing party to try their luck on Chesapeake Bay. Bobby Farr is best fisherman in the Pack. He had the most fish as well as the biggest until the last few minutes of fishing, when H. M. Goode hooked a 12-inch hard-head which won him the prize for the day.

Bobby Farr wins the championship on a big flounder caught Saturday while fishing with his mother and father.

oo00oo

Two Scout magazines will be mailed to each Den and two to the Cubmaster for distribution. Mr. Fitch put in 12 subscriptions this week.

oo00oo

Some of the Cubs are busy making useful things. H. M. Goode is making a bookcase for his mother. Harry Fitch is starting to carve out a fan from a solid piece of wood, and you should see Tim Evan's Indian headdress! Joseph Loftus is supposed to be helping him. One of the Cubs in Den #2 has borrowed plans for a sewing box like the one that took first prize at the last Pack meeting.

oo00oo

What are the old timers doing—James Corneal, Mahlon Eshbaugh, the McCarl boys, Louis Windrum, Billy Baxter, Bobby Hall? Let us see what you are doing in preparation for the Fair!

oo00oo

At the next Den meeting we will try to make something out of rubber innertubes.

The following meeting will be leathercraft and the meeting following that will be metalcraft, unless we can double up.

oo00oo

The Pack meeting will fall on September 6, one day before the opening of the Fair. Possibly we will have our meeting in the play ground right near the school, if we are permitted to have a bonfire and singing.

—James A. Birtle, Cubmaster

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Calendar Of Events

Thursday, August 17

Orchestra Practice	7:30 P.M.	Music Room
Legion	8:00 P.M.	Meeting Room
Catholic Ladies	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Journalistic Club	8:00 P.M.	COOPERATOR ROOM

Friday, August 18

C.O.C.	6:30 - 8:30 P.M.	Meeting Room
Credit Union	6:30 - 8:30 P.M.	Meeting Room
Boy Scouts	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Maryland Democrats	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Hebrew Congregation	9:00 P.M.	Music Room

Sunday, August 20

Mass	8:30 A.M.	Theater
Community Sunday School	9:45 A.M.	Auditorium
Community Church	10:45 A.M.	Auditorium
Latter Day Saints	8:00 P.M.	Social Room

Tuesday, August 22

Greenbelt Players	8:00 P.M.	Theater
Camera Club	8:00 P.M.	Meeting Room
Bowling League	8:00 P.M.	Social Room

Wednesday, August 23

Girl Scouts	7:30 P.M.	Social Room
Junior Choir	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Community Choir	9:00 P.M.	Music Room

Following are Dr. Berenberg's and Dr. Still's office hours at the Medical Center:

Monday.....	10-12; 4-6
Tuesday.....	10-12; 7:30-8:30
Wednesday.....	10-12
Thursday.....	10-12; 4-6
Friday.....	10-12; 7:30-8:30
Saturday.....	10-12; 5-6
Sunday.....	By appointment

Phones: Office: 2121 Home: 2151

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Dr. McCarl's (Dentist) Office Hours

Dr. McCarl's hours are as follows:

Monday.....	9:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday.....	9:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
	7:00 - 9:30 P.M.
Wednesday.....	Closed
Thursday.....	9:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Friday.....	9:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
	7:00 - 9:30 P.M.
Saturday.....	2:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Phones: Office: 2261 Home: 2401

Transit Company Asks Postponement

Latest developments in the transportation situation in Prince George's County indicate the effectiveness of joint action by communities in matters of common interest.

Of special concern to the people of Greenbelt is the recent request by Capital Transit Company for postponement until September 1, of the Maryland Public Service Commission's decision on the matters now before that body, in order that a further attempt may be made to adjust existing differences between the affected communities and the company.

The company apparently believes that in the interim present proposals can be revised in such a manner as to satisfy all communities. It is the stated aim of the newly organized Prince Georges County Transportation Committee the needs of every community shall receive just consideration. It is to be expected that this delay will facilitate the attainment of this objective.

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First Puppet Show Is Successful

A puppet club has been formed by Greenbelt boys and girls, with Frank Harper as chairman. Other officers of the new group are: Tom Freeman, stage manager; Joe Lewis, property manager and electrician; Donald Brewer, treasurer; Clayton Conklin, secretary; and Ann Childress, press agent.

One play, "Mystery House", has already been given by Norma Mitchell, Anne Childress and Frank Harper. Miss Childress said of the play, "It was a mystery and the little tots who came were frightened at the human skull we had donated. It added to the mystery and also rain for sound effects."

Shirley Mitchell, 11 years of age, gave her mother a scare that night. After she had been in bed she started walking in her sleep with a sheet over her head.

"We made \$1.08 clear and paid out 45 cents for materials and drinks. We are going to give another play soon with the puppets and we hope you will come."



STORY HOUR: First and second graders—don't forget Story Hour from 2 to 3 P.M. Tuesdays.

There is a copy of the TOWN CHARTER in the library. Here is a chance to come in and read all about Greenbelt.

—Reba S. Harris

O'BRIEN WILL COMMAND AMERICAN LEGION POST

New officers of the local American Legion Post were elected at a meeting in the new post home Thursday, August 3.

George O'Brien was selected as commander. Other officers are:

Leon G. Benefiel, first vice commander; Lambert Brezina, second vice commander; Harry L. Bell, adjutant; Dr. J. W. McCarl, service officer; David R. Steinle, finance officer; Carl T. Day, historian; Elmer Allion, chaplain; Earl Mathers, sergeant at arms; Harry Stewart, George Berkelew and Charles Lowe, color bearers; Bart J. Finn, George Bryant and Mr. Bell, delegates.

All officers will serve for the ensuing year. Installation of the new leaders will be held Thursday, August 17 at the post home. There will be refreshments and entertainment, at this session, which will be open to all relatives and friends of the Legion members. The services will begin at 8 P.M.



A YEAR AGO

(From the COOPERATOR of August 17, 1938)

New officers were elected for the COOPERATOR staff and for the Journalistic Club.....

Council authorized three weeks annual leave for town employees.....

W. R. Poole, former COOPERATOR editor, left Greenbelt for a better position in Georgia.....

Snob Hill outplayed the Bees and won a thrilling ball game, 2 to 1.....

Little Virginia McGuckin was operated on for acute appendicitis.....

Finance Officer J. W. Rabbitt represented Greenbelt at the convention of the Municipal Finance Officers Association in St. Paul, Minnesota, August 15-18.....

POOSH 'EM UP

To the Editor:

Elsewhere in the columns of the COOPERATOR is the happy news that our local stores have earned \$2,145.26 for the quarter ended June 30, 1939, which added to a profit of \$1,012.86 for the first quarter constitutes an accumulated earning of \$3,158.12 for the first half of the current year. These earnings will accrue to the benefit of our cooperative if and when it is finally formed.

The fact that Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc. has enjoyed two successive quarters of earnings, combined with the fact that earnings are increasing at an accelerated rate, seems to indicate quite conclusively that the period of losses normally expected in connection with the establishment of businesses such as ours has been definitely shortened. Granted efficient management and proper consumer support, our stores are now in a position to earn substantial savings for their patrons in addition to offering goods to them at prices in line with those charged by our most efficient chain stores.

On August 4, the books of the Treasurer of the Cooperative Organizing Committee indicated that 506 persons had subscribed for 576 shares in the cooperative, with 443 dwelling units represented. \$3,216.50 of the \$5,760.00 subscribed had been received and deposited in the bank.

Now, obviously, \$3,158.12 represents a pretty good half yearly return on \$5,760.00 of stock in any man's Company. Yet, in the face of this fact and with full knowledge that all organizational ground work looking towards the formation of our cooperative has been accomplished and is but marking time pending payment of subscribers' shares, only 30 per cent have one fully paid share to their credit. 21 per cent have paid only their initial dollar, the rest varying amounts between two and nine dollars.

Unless we all take very definite steps to pay up our shares, the tentative organization date of October 1 may have to be again postponed. If we want the cooperative as we have indicated by our subscriptions to shares, why not play fair with those who have backed their convictions with their cash, take care of our obligations and put this thing across without delay.

—George Warner

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Cooperative consumers are educated to demand the facts. They want to know specifically what ingredients are used, why a particular item is more

wholesome than another, how does it compare in price-per-ounce with goods of the same quality. And as consumers learn to think, they recognize that the only way to control quality at any price level is to control the sources of supply. So Co-operators own their own stores, and the store group together to form the Wholesale, effecting savings every step of the way. And the Wholesale operates a testing kitchen for no other purpose than to improve the quality of CO-OP products at any given price. This incessant search for better values is responsible for the fact that National Cooperatives, embracing the regional wholesales, has set up higher than Government standards for the items which appear under the CO-OP Label.

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2) The Informative Co-op Labels _____ The Co-op label is informative and accurate. The Co-op wholesale maintains rigid specifications for the goods packed under its label and has a testing kitchen to test each shipment received.